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For: A CERAMIC SUPPORT CAPABLE OF
SUPPORTING A CATALYST, A CATALYST-
CERAMIC BODY AND PROCESSES FOR
PRODUCING SAME



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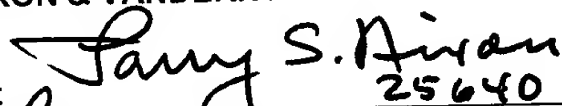
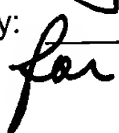
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